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THE WIFE.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH.

Ahead was a wealthy herdsman of the plain. His cattle were fat and his pitchforks And lay and slept beneath a tree in fished. And sleeping had a dream after this fashion: At first it seemed she woke from such a dream, And ahead said thus: "Wife get thee up in haste.

Last year I sold to merchants of Sager

A hundred sheep; they owe me still one third,

"Tis a long way and I feel few now,

Whom can I send to Sager in my stead?

Few are the faithful envoys one may trust,

So thou and thine three silver shekels."

Then spoke she not of terror, or the desert,

Or thives, but said: "Dear lord, I am thy servant,

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The road was hard and thick with pointed stones.

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Bessie Lane was more mature than most girls of thirteen. Her home surroundings had made her thoughtful beyond her years. She was but a baby when her parents settled on the rough land in Western Kansas, and now there were five children younger; wild, mischievous, loving Bert, gentle Amy, Edwin, a sober little man of seven, Willie only four, and Baby Sue, the pet of the family.

Many Kansas farmers were in sore trouble, Bessie's father among the number. The terrible drought of the summer had cut off most of his crops. There was little harvesing to be done. The grass, which shrivelled up in midsummer, left little winter food for cattle. Provisions were exorbitantly high, and money scarce.

Mr. Lane lost all courage, and gloomily brooded over impending struggles. In vain his wife thrusting back her own fears, strove to cheer him. He could see no hope in the future.

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Had anybody peeped into Bessie's room long after midnight, they would have seen by the moonlight a very wide-awake girl. Bessie was thinking how she could earn money!

"Here's a letter for you, Mary," said Mr. Lane several days afterward, as he came into dinner. "Farmer Ray brought it when he came to see about Brindle."

"But he isn't going to have her now," shouted Bert; "he's going to send a load

of hay, and pa and I are going to work for 's Saturday!"

There was a general shout of delight, for it had come to be known among the children that the cow must be sold for lack of hay.

"That is good news indeed," said Mrs. Lane, as she dropped into a chair as if to realize it more fully. "Is it really so, John?" turning to her husband.

"Yes, really so. Mr. Ray is very kind."

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GENERAL ITEMS.

—A convention of distillers was held in Louisville, Ky., at which it was agreed to let no one enter the production of straight whiskies.

—A wagon load of powder exploded near Victoria, B. C., killing one man and fatally injuring another.

—The arrest of Thomas J. Nevin, the alienated ex-Mayor of Adrian, Mich., is reported from El Paso, Texas.

—The Union League of New York City, passed resolutions declining free trade or any step in that direction and favoring a simplification of the tariff on the basis of adequate protection.

—An explosion of mines there caused power failure in Windsor Mills, Que. One man was blown to pieces.

—Mrs. Seward, a widow, left a widow's pension to a woman trying to obtain a new trial to test the question of her insanity.

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—The late James G. Kohler, of Boston, Mass., left his estate amounting to nearly \$200,000 to charitable institutions.

—The attorney General is succeeded during a year in the office of the State Attorney, Mr. Edward F. G. Foy, former judge of the Court of Appeals.

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—Senator A. R. Stephen was inaugurated Governor of Georgia on Saturday with due ceremony.

—Patriots reached the highest figure since 1879 Saturday afternoon—\$1,117,000 at the market at Bradford, Pa., closing at \$1.15.

—By a resolution on the New York and New England Railroad near Pomfret, Conn., 1,000 employees of the road were injured; one fatal.

—I am sorry to find of course that the saving from the reduction of expenses in the Dead Letter Office will not affect the State for Robinson, Greenbacker.

—In South Carolina the Democratic State and County tickets are elected by the Legislature.

—In the House the Democratic Congressmen are six districts. In the Senate, the majority four and contests in the State were for Congressmen. All these gave up Democratic.

—Now comes 1 Democratic and 28 Republican to Congress, with one district in doubt.

—In Michigan, Regis, the Democratic candidate for Governor, is elected, and 3 Democratic and 5 Republican Congressmen.

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—In the House the Democratic Congressmen are all Republicans. All of the 7 Congressmen are Republicans.

—In Colorado the election of Grant, the Democratic candidate for Governor, is assured. The Democrats probably carry the entire State ticket. The Legislature is Republican.

—In Minnesota the Congressional delegation is Democratic.

—In California the Democrat's (Dom.) majority in the State at large will reach 16,000. The Democrats make a clear sweep of the State and Congress.

—In the Legislature the Democrats will have a majority in both Houses.

—In Nevada, J. W. Adams, the Democratic candidate for Governor, is elected by almost 1,000 majority.

—Georgia sends to Congress a full Democratic delegation.

—In Missouri complete returns from all the counties show that the Republicans have gained one Congressmen and three Judges. The Congressional delegation stands 4 Democrats and 2 Republicans.

—In Louisiana the Democrats elected 5 Congressmen, the Republicans 1 (Kellogg).

—In Delaware complete returns from the entire State give Stockley (Dom.), for Congress, a majority of 1,600. For Congress, Lowe (Dom.), has a majority of 2,200.

—The Missouri Congressmen are all Democrats, except possibly one in the Ninth district.

—Texas gives a Democratic majority of 63,000 and perhaps 80,000. The Democrats elect 9 Congressmen. Both parties claim the First district.

—In Mississippi not more than one-half of the total of the votes was cast. The Democrats elect four Congressmen, the Republicans two, and 10 voting Chancery Judges, largely about Republicans.

—In Illinois the Republicans will have a majority of from three to five joined in the State Legislature, though the Democrats probably have a majority in the House. The last return is not made out, so we must wait to see what the result is.

—The was the answer. "I recognize your right to do so," said the Frenchman, "but I would like to look at the boy's hand and see if it is a hairy shake."—*Evening Journal.*

—Seven or eight thousand people are to help to migrate from the poor districts in Ireland.

—Free correspondence has been discovered which is said to connect the State with Araria Boy's rebellion.

—Dr. Schwerdt, the trustee, reports that all the provinces of Egypt around Khartoum are in the hands of the Mahdi.

—The Egyptian Ministry have decided to employ English counsel to act for the prosecution in the trial of the rebel leaders.

—The Egyptian black troops are volunteers and fight against the Falah People in the Sudan. It is thought the Sudan will last eighteen months.

—Every day the Jews in France have increased.

—Germany proposes to prohibit the importation of American swine, pork and bacon meat.

—An investigation into the proceedings of associations at Geneva has been ordered by the Swiss government.

To Make Postage Cheaper.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL OUTLINES A PROPOSAL TO MAKE POSTAGE IN HIS OWN WORDS.

Postmaster-General Howe was asked whether it is his intention to recommend a reduction of the rates of postage, he answered: "While I have not finally decided not to recommend a reduction, I now say that I do not believe the public generally has had time to let it be known. Among the many facts which have perhaps influenced my opinion I may instance the condition of affairs in the Post Office, where a private express company (*Wells, Fargo & Co.*) is carrying a good part of the mail and a few express companies.

—The latest news from Europe.

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